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Analytical. Laboratory 79. mark dane London, E.C. april 28th 1899.

Sample of Rubber Soil from Lingspore Marked Para rubber grows better on this Soil than on Ceylon Soils

Received from In. John C. Willis Royal Botanie San Composition in the air. dried Cond	Jens Perastrups Ceston
Composition in the air dried Cont	thon.
Water (but c 212° f)	6.288.
X. Organic matter & volatile Combustille Substance	27.541
Orides of Iron	3.198
Alumina	8.526
dine	.272
Magnesia	. 028
Polash	. 093
8092	147
. Phosphorie acid	1/87
Sulphunic acid	.034
Carbonie aeis	haces
Mitric acid	.00/
Chlorine	.007
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	100.000
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## Botanic Gardens. Singapore.

#### STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

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IIth June 1906.

No. 238/06

Dear Sin,

Mr. Ridley will be away for perhaps the next three weeks and I briefly reply to your letter which I will also keep in view for Nr. Ridley's return.

If only ordinary clay soil is used for burning for the pepper gardens no good is likely to be effected, but I have always seen (and used) and understood pepper growers collected decayed leaves and top black soil from the jungle (the gradual accumulation) which was burnt and then applied. If due care is taken in what is collected this supplies a good percentage of line and nitrogenous matter, and together with the humus a rich compost, easily assimilated, and of undoubted advantage to pepper vines.

Yours truly

for, Director of Gardens S.S.

To Mes. Bonne Condito

(1,000-Jan., 1905.)

Telephone Nº 347\_Avenue.

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LLOYDS ACENTS AT BATAVIA. BANGKOK. SARAWAK. Borneo Company Limited. 28, Fénchurch Street. London, 17th May 190 6

Claude Sugden, Esq.

Manager,
The Borneo Co.Ltd.
SINGAPORE.

Dear Sir,

In the cultivation of Pepper, burnt earth, as you are aware, is used as a manure. Four years ago we had a sample of it from Sarawak analysed here by Dr.Dyer, a leading authority in such matters. We enclose copy of his analysis, from which you will see he states that the earth he examined had no manurial value. We communicated this to our Kuching friends, but the use of burnt earth is still continued in the gardens on which we have made advances, the gardeners being firm believers that the earth is of great benefit to their vines. It may be that it performs some other important function for the plants than that of manuring them, of which we are unaware.

We shall be obliged if you will put the matter before the Head of the Botanical Gardens at Singapore, and ask him if he will kindly inform you what is the exact service, if any, that the burnt earth renders to the pepper. We can understand that some earths, according to their composition, might be of advantage to the vines, but we believe what is employed in

Sarawak is practically little else than clay.

If it is a mistake to believe that the use of burnt earth in our Sarawak gardens is advantageous, then a large economy might be introduced into the cost of production of the pepper by discontinuing its use; and at the present time espedially we need to study economy in every way possible, to carry on our gardens without serious loss.

Please advise Mr.Bryan, as well as ourselves, with regard to what you ascertain on this subject.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

For THE BORNEO COMPANY LIMITED.

Managing Director.

#### COPY.

Analytical Laboratory, 17 Great Tower Street, London 2nd. May 1902.

### RESULT OF ANALYSIS 717 "Burnt Earth" (so labelled) Of a Sample of Messrs The Borneo Co., Ld. Sent by Organic Matter..... 3.42 Phosphoric Acid..... .03 Silicious Matter..... 76.53 Oxide of Iron and Alumina..... Lime..... traces \$80 Magnesia, Alkalies, &c...... 100.00

This is a very poor earth, containing only traces of lime and phosphoric acid. It has no value whatever as a manure, for which purpose I understand it has been used.

(Signed) Berhard Dyer.

11 de Lune 1906 Ridley, Vean Can you Kindly que me aug miformation on the point raised of What use is burnt earth. Perhaps it was originally intended as a warning 5 Mite ant. tom fin eer dy C. Lasquer

Suigapore

Analysis of the

Notes on various places from which samples come.

Sample 1. The place is not more than I mile from

The sea, and funte near to the river which is a

tidal one, \*consequently, practically salt water,
at high tide. The land is not flooded by river, but

to only some 3 or ff feel about it. It was used as

Padi land some years ago, (Sawah) and is frute

"damp at this dry tom; being quite a swamp, though

not a heavy one in anything but dry weather

The jungle on the land side is fairly large trees, but

the charie land is covered with scrub, & rushes or

small palms, there being no decent trees of second

frowth on it. A few coesa nuls, apparently old trees,
are small & poor looking. The sample was taken

close to the rivers

Danfe 2. This hand is about 4 or & miles from

The sea and is on a bribulary stream about I mile

back from the main river. It is composed of swame

and slightly hilly ground Padi has been planted

for some years both in the swampy parts and on

the higher land the sample is from the rising from.

Jairly big jungle swirounds to cleared swamp

The land seems well above the influence of tides,

but would be under water perhaps as much as 3

or 4 feet in floods:

Sample 3. This if from a place about 9 miles from the sea, and lies behind a small range of hills your along river bank. The Krobe slopes mland, and at a distance of about 4 mile back, the land becomes flat and just above the level of swamp on both sides of it. It would be very well in raining weather, I would be flooded in flood times. It we course with very fine fungle

brees, the finest seen in any of the lower reaches of the Kuantan river, and the undergrowth is spare. Padi has been successfully frown on the higher fround towards the range.

Sample 4 is from land about 16 miles from sea.

It is from the left bank of a tributary stream about I mile back from main river. The land is some 10 feel above river level and has been, in places, used for hill padi frowing.

Sample 5 is from the right bank of No4 stream, but from lower land. The land on both order of this stream is alternately, swampy and up to 10 or 12 ft high. The swampy parts being matted with roots which would cause freat trouble in cleaning, doubtless.

Agricultural Chemistry Taboratory.

Minoretty College of Welles.

Aberystwyth.

To The Pahary Corporation Limited.

London Wall. F.O.

E.C.S. Lecturer on Agricultural Chemistry in the University
College of Tales, Therputwyth: Agricultural Analyst for the
countries of Hericaeth, Montgomery, Cardinan, Cararther, Pembruke
and Palmer.

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2951 June. 1896.

The samples were enclosed in separate canvas bajo, narked m 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 respectively, packed in a box sant from Singapore to London, themre forwarded to me unopened, and were received here on the 8th of Outober. 1897.

These samples, which were takes from different parts of the Company's Territory in the Talay Peninsela, were found to consist of air-dried specimens each representing the soil of the particular locality to a depth of three feet, and were chiefly used in the determinations of the chamical composition of the soils.

At my request, however, three further semples of the soil "in situ" to a dorth of 12 inches were procured and were chiefly used by me for examination of the physical projecties. They were forwarded to me direct in closed tips marked 4, 5, and 5 respectively and were received here on the 12th of May. 1898.

The wolls exhibit a striking similarity both in physical properties and in charical composition and have apparently all seem formed under exposed to similar matural conditions.

From the facts that the first lot of samples represent the soil to a depth of three feet and trut each appears to be suifor throughout. I gather that the deposit must be of considerable throughout - a fact of no little importance in the cultivation of tropical plants many of which have long tap roots.

The soil particles have an average (true) specific pravity of 2.39 and, for the most part, appear to consist of a particle, but usually, small proportion of quartz sand; colloided clay, however, is entirely absent. The material is probably derived from the disintegration of the fellops is matter of promitic roots, let it is difficult to form a reliable opinion on this point as appoint as absolutely nothing which could be called a stree or fragment of the original rook was found in the samples.

The state of virtaion of the particles is, on the contrary, exprenely fine. Fractically all the particles have an average

sixty per cent of them have an average dispeter of less than one-handreath part of an inch il.e. pass through a sieve which has a landred wires to the inch). It will be observed that samples nor and "8" are somewhat exceptional in this respect, the former being rather finer and the latter markedly charger than the average.

The soil is mass, in comme mence of this condition, possesses, approximately, the properties of a clay medium but, owing to the absence of congalable matter, it is free from some of the more objectionable features of that ambatance. Thus, it is very finely percent and, when met, is plastic and cohestve but will probably be found to be more easily worked tame ordinary stirf clays, as it allows of more ready percolation of water it is not so lights to become materiograph and cause rotting of the roots of plants.

by reletion to vater the proper ies of the mills are eminently satisfactors. The our contain large questible. If water, and when the point of saturation is would all the excess judge. dominary with fair registive, and what is In archine they still formula wearin suburnitid. The co-efficient of evaporation in rotativel, low and, something, the strem of assorbing with the galass from the atmospher. Intelly high. The repillary propi of the soils, again, is very great, i.e. when dry her can read water from considerable derive account the har her of granttation but, of course, the comement of the water is comessarely slow. The property is one of gract injuriance for it has as to been the appear layers or the soil moist in any west or. On the camer hand, in partone of prolinged reducit and a fresh SOLLE WILL "show to rithaterd in targe of the work" of Byans in the of raising the water to the shifted, while coursely car, however, the greatily reduced by institute a land distribute and or form e cou le of intres) in a lu se connition; univiliant la communitation

hacome very dry but we water would not so realily the into the more contiller, action the lower day to if he roll would commit more lotst.

The eclour of the soils is the system is all to require the soint to a function of the soils of iron, but there is nothing to indicate that he soils are insufficiently on plies with a some in their matural state. The lift colour of the soils will orable than to reflect a large grount of heat are so that to receive their them to reflect a large grount of heat are so that to

lose rearly twenty-two per cent of their volume as castor in the saturated to the dry possitions and must therefore and considers to pressure of the rather of plants. Their saturations of sections, their saturations of sections, the produces of serious which seriously interfere with invitation. As, there is no so any very region the sections restricted as, the sections restricted as the sections restricted to the section of the sections of the sections and sections are sections as the sections are sections as the section of the sections are sections.

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includes all the materials at present in a condition analights for the plants; the second plant includes the first and aim of meserve in a of substances not at present in an available condition by which will oraquelly change into that state; the third oldes consists of frequents of moderomposed or only partially denominated minerals from which the second and first class are derived, but it consider that, in meterial of this at material at this at materials.

The immaluble matter constitutes from eighty to minety process of the day of the day of the and consits chiefly of free sificis (marty) and of silicate of alumino with about two per ment of paters.

to about nine per cent of the cry matter in each of the first three samples, to about thirteen per cent in sample "6" and to a much smaller quantity in each of the two remaining samples. It consists torpely of exides of tree and aluminium the projection of their ingredients - of which phosphoric sold, pelash, magnetic and line are the most important- are so small that the soils must be regarded as deficient in these ingredients. Indeed under any system of cultivation is which heavy crops were frequently removered from the land the whole storm would in all probability become rapidly exhausted.

The evaluable notack and phaspharic acid are the cally inperients which it is necessary to entirete in the first class and it will be noticed that the quantities found at are extremely mights. They are certainly for below what is found to be necessary for a high degree of ferbility in Faglish soils and even allowing for the minute form of cyluing that I'm soils are nowheally deficient in these two important spintages.

of the various tests when electly that, he desired for training properties, the soils are examilerally under that for training

Less deficient in organic satter, line and armillable rotae:
and phosphoric acid. The former is, however, he for the most important consideration for in hot climates in is often distribute to maintain an adequate supply of water in the soils and at the same time to prevent them from becoming soider. Horeover it is always difficult to effect any great drawer thannes in the physical properties of soils and as large areas of land such attempts would be made impracticable whereas the deficiences in themselves and composition may be comparatively easily made and in tillage and judicious manuring.

a question that eaches properly be detaralized apart for meanwhile considerations, distrate conditions and a great variety of star important considerations regarding which I possess very little information beyond wish is contained in Mr Popert Tatto's letter of the mean of March and the accompanying sketch. In the following remarks therefore is two ascorping that the Company wall lesire to grow earlous kinds of drugs, dyes, fronts, foots, stices are to grow earlous kinds of drugs, dyes, fronts, foots, stices are that it is to be observed that my come usions are based almost exclusively upon consideration of the properties of the solice.

and Fruits, with the exception of Binards and possibly also of Occounts while, is expect, he come likely to prove a source of irroble and disappointment that of profit as the time of does not appear to be of the most suitable character for their ground.

These plants throwe hest as a lighter class of soil, the realize larger proportions of potask, lime any plant fools as werelly sent they are soid to have a very entanting effect on the land. Pine applies have proved a complete failure on soils of matter countries and the plant for a poor yield even if the plants remained emitty. Manages, to the other time, as

lend near the river, if not swampy, seems to be tolera in well add the low addited for the growth of Caron-puts which would not suffer and by occasional flocking.

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Dre rielding flats of marious black as Ingres to of the process of the same field for operations. Are the act Ingres (if it expected to the extremaly well and even ladigo and furthering which are somewhat more difficult to cultivate, might be expected to succeed but they should be grown on the plopes.

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what the not considered, which he very conveniently willised for this purpose of suitable varieties were obtained. But Ten and Coffee have been successfully around at elevation of Agreet as 5,000 feet above sea level and some varieties in not inrive below 1000 feet.

Tologo would in all probability give very poor results.
The soil is not rich enough and is too stiff. The plant would particularly of line and potable outfor postable from the deflerey of line and potable.

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success of this order.

Post plants of somedeworistics would of course be a moredesity and the land appears to be of very suitable quality for the growth of Rice and Negli (Eleusine Coronaud) and the millets generally. Their sed sweet potatoes digit also be growe us to access but the first qualities of these plants are not usually obtained to land of such stiff character.

in consider-ing "he foregoing apinion it should not be forgotion that, as I have elready stated, the soil is susceptible
of considerable improvement and indeed might be so motified as
to merden it fruitful for some plants for which it is not
naturally so well adopted. Moreover the lighter and course
character of sample "8" and, is fast that (as I understand) it
lies on a gentle slope and is therefore subject to free drainage,
affords a strong indication that those plants which thrive feet
on light soils sould be grown heat to that locality, if at all

The introvenest of the soil is Largely a question is er case and in to that extent beyond the score of this report but I may suggest that may steps you may see fit to take for this purpose should take the offection of ingressing the propertions humas, lime, and evailable potage and passibleric sold.

Prequent application of heavy creasings of bulkly organic communes, such as farm your material would without doubt by the heat way of effecting such improvement as it would not only inverse, the proportion of unus in the soil had also of available plant floods extent line. As, however, I feel hours to assume that such material could not be easily produced in mything like sufficient quantity I should advice a system (more or less continuous) of green crap manuring. On planted lands the green crap can be raised between the runs of trees or busing and plaughed in about the time it comes to flower. In the West Indies the green crap is takelly "Figure peas" or some wariety of "Vengal issue" but in the Bast Indies "Sire hour" is community preferred as creaper and cetter. However, I should

to be common in the district, will a for the surgese. The process may be repeated almost without limit, except weller ser has been found nearly sufficient.

It with be quite abritone that this process of areas pursually does tot affect the powerty of the coil in respect if lime phosphetes and potach. It accelerates the crarie from the man available to the arginarie state but as it noes out diversity introduce the proportions of these munstances in the seil I dead feel strongly inclined to advise that they should be added. Unfortugately I comnot find ony authoric accounts of Timing in tropical elimates and in is impossible to foreta., exactly what the result of such an operation right of under to circumstances hat I fully autinize to the it would be a later of L. DOC ONE MOT UMA, OF TOLOCAT DE THE DESTRIBER OF THE PROPERTY OF THE LAND. the calme on a toround a life ambien by a life and the life of the ALL ROY LA SEC TRANSPORTED FOR THE OFFICE U. S. O. REGISTORIES IN LOUIS. emotion and tearing point to the repullation of an energy to any are of compartwely, little value is the traping a liever be and I in structly of ortains lied a bride thouse to a comment Foll cally issa:-

various parts of the Ferinaula are of auto-to-mount in account of the Ferinaula are of auto-to-mount in an are accounted from the Compact's territory after a first se was disserted afterwards treated afterment at the rate of from six to might ease per more, - in this case potash manura would probably be agreement. If more than manura to a detailed at moderate cost the piece of low or the given basic star at the rate of from two to-f-our exts per acre and subposts of format to to-f-our exts per acre. If equally convenient perhaps both of these experiments signs be trued and the results should afford

indication as to the profitableness or otherwise of both methous

if the plan of Herer resuring, which I have surjected, is adopted sitrogenous marvers will before where it is found secessary or desirable to employ them litrate of some will servaisly be found to se the most spirable bird as for these sails and will I appear prove a very effective number for many every.

Immediately after the raiss have cased. In ear case where the land is subject to Tibuding it will probably be found advantage was to work these manufes lightly into the soil in order to diminist risk of loss. There the land is "swept" by the firms of source even this precaution would not be sufficient.

In conclusion I may add that outtination is strongly recommended by many tropical farmers as a manus of increasing the fertility of the lend but it seems to me in the -highest degree imadviserie to loosen the soil to any great depth . the beginning of the dry season especially if the land is under crop.

(Signed) J.Alan Murray.

# Chemical Composition of Soils. Expressed in Ounces per cube foot.

Number of Sample.			* .	2.	3,	4.	5	6.
Inorfanie (mineral) matters dissolved	by concentrated ac	ida.	ounds	ounces	ounels	Mulls	neviels	mulo.
Soda.			1.304	.711	, 811	.695	1.259	. 936.
i Potash.			1.092	1.063	1.063	.764	. 668	1. 25%.
Magnesia.			. 569	.4 59	1.211	1.491	,613	. 828.
Line.			1.448	.935	1.273	1.074	.656	, 855.
brides of iron an	d aluminime		30.913.	85.869	86.584	66.565	54.466	120.414.
Chlorine.			. 381	. 294	. 349	.299	*340	.516.
Polica			2.886	2.598	3-343	2.455	2.185	2.706.
Carbonie acid.			3.144	1.154	2.417	3.233	3.074	2.597.
Sulfhurie acid.			, 601	.346	.472	,543	.655	. 524.
is Phosphorie acid	•		. 525	.903	. 886	1.106	. 985	1.160.
" de Insoluble in concen	trated acids.							
Potach.			22.197	19.911	20,811	24.079	26.621	27.662.
Hurrine, loss e	te.		1.385	. 3/3.		3,340	.033	
Ilica (including.	Tree quartz.)		342.280.	354.220	426.41)	591.52)	583.866	403.970
brides of iron and	l aluminium.		459.690	443.770	373.184	251.33)	259. 794.	361.782
iir baganic (vegetable) matters and con	ibined water.		76.581	82.406	y6. y68	46.486	59. 779.	76.550
Haters reporated at ordinary tend	plratures.		564.404.	568.235	568, 752	497. 450	518. 293.	563, 236.
Residenal water evaporated at 212 d.			/	/			13. 671	,
Total mass of me cubic foot.			1589.986.	1589.951	1590. 589.	1507. 866.	1526.968	1591. 752:
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i Containing Potash in an availab	le state.		.119.	.159	.126	* 150	. 145	. 10].
is Contains thosphone acid in an	ovailable state.		. 053	, 054	.044	- 041	. @32	. 025.
**			1.628	· 741	. 846	.786	.731	. 847.
222 Entaining Carbon.		,	6.268	6.368	7. 562	4-378	6.865	6. 469.
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Here figures multiplied by 272% will give the quantities (lbs). I such infredient per acre.

Mass and Volume relations

True effeitie Gravity.

Apparent specific Gravity.

Jotal mass of one cubic foot in eitn.

99.4 lbs

Percentage of total space occupied by dry solid matter. 38.2).

" water 59.50.

" air and gases. 2.23.

Relation of the Soil to Water.

bre culic foot of soil in situ can contain when fully saturated

" retain " " drained

" was found to contain

38.7 lbs of vale.
37.9. ""

Average rate of sevaporation of water at 90 d. Fahr \*

Overage rate of evaporation of water at 90 d. Fahr \*

Overage rate of absorption of water vapour from atmosphere at 60 d. Jahr. =

2.17 inches of water in 24 hours.

= 0.05 - 0.05

Capillarity; dry soil can raise valer against the influence of fravitation to a height of over 30 inches.

at an average rate of 1.25 inches in 24 hours.

Water soaks into the dry soil under the influence of fravitation at an average rate of 4.4 "

State of division of Samples. Percentage of dry soil passed through.

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Sample.	Meshes per	squar inch	3600	10000.
1.	99.8	99.2	74.6	52.7
2.	100.0	99.1	77.9	60.8.
3.	100.0	99.9	92.1	71.6.
4.	100.0	99.6	80.8	58.0
5.	91.4	68.3.	35.5	16.1
. 6.	99.3	95.6	75.0	60.2
Me-a.n	98.4	93.6	72.6	53.2.

Relative profortions of land and Elay per cent.

Jample 1 2 3 4 5 6.

Tree Quarty 5.58. 10.18. 13.07 39.91 55.52. 13.24.

Arkillaceons. 94.42 89.82 86.93, 60.09 44.48. 86.76.

matter

# Chemical Composition of the Dry Matter of He Soil.

Number of sample	<b>P</b> '.	2.	3	4.	5.	6.	
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i. Potash.	. 1098	. 1068	. 1069	.0488	.0672	. 1258.	
Magneria.	. 0572.	.0471	. 1217.	*1499	.0616	.0833	
Pine.	. 1456	.0940.	.1280	.1080	,0660	.0860.	
Grides of irm + aluminium	8.1320			6.6900		12,1420	
Chilarine.				* 0301	•	. 0519.	
Filica.	. 2901					. 2)20.	
Parlonie acid.	. 3/60	,			.3090	, 21 62.	
Sulphurie acid.	. 0604			. 0546		,052)	
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Heroine, lors etc.				. 3.85)			
Elseia (including free quarty)						40.6000.	
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izi breanie (vegetable) matters and combined valer.						7. 6940.	
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Mitrogen.	,1034.	/	. 0851	.0790	.0736	. 0852.	
in Bontaining Carbon.	. 6300	,6400	. 7600	4400	. 6900	.650.	